

## INNOCENT MAN FREED THROUGH POLITICAL FIGHT

Joseph Brennan, Convicted of Crime He Did Not Commit, Tells Remarkable Story.

SERVED FOR NINE YEARS.

Released Only After Governor of Rhode Island Took up His Cause.

Joseph Brennan, the Brooklyn man who served a nine year sentence in a Rhode Island prison for a crime he knew nothing about, and who came home yesterday to find the uncle who had rescued him dead, today told the story of his remarkable experience and how he came to be a political issue which stirred up the entire New England State.

Brennan is red haired, thirty years old, tall and slender. He was arrested with several others in July, 1899, charged with being concerned in the Portsmouth car-bomb robbery. The police said he was the then famous "Milwaukee Red." Brennan protested that he had never been in Milwaukee, never heard of the famous "Red," and knew nothing of the robbery, but he was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the State prison at Cranston.

Sees His Aged Father.

Brennan is staying with his seventy-four-year-old father, who is a cripple and deaf, at No. 88 Warren street. When he arrived home yesterday he fell to his knees at his father's chair and the old man wept with him. Then the son ran to the street and found his father. He saw the old man on the door at No. 101 Summit street, and when he opened it and was told that his uncle was dead he fainted away.

For nine years Martin Brennan labored to free his son. Never a day passed that he did not take some action toward obtaining his nephew's release. He spent all his savings in the effort. A week ago when the old man learned that he had been released, he prophesied that he would die on a certain day, and that Joseph would be pardoned in time to attend his funeral. His prophecy came true.

It was Martin Brennan who got Gov. James H. Higgins, of Rhode Island, interested in the case. Gov. Higgins made an investigation and concluded that the prisoner was innocent. He had a bill prepared providing for Brennan's honorable discharge and submitted it to the legislature.

At the time the politicians of Rhode Island were hunting around for a political issue, Gov. Higgins, of C. W. Warren, who is opposed to everything Gov. Higgins does, learned of the bill and set up an opposition. Various hopes to amend Higgins, and he is trying to get Higgins out of the way. Joe was a good soldier, and Higgins, in the controversy over Joseph Brennan, and when the bill came up for a final vote in the legislature, Higgins, who was personally opposed to the bill, personally appeared before the legislature and made a speech in behalf of the bill.

This has been the most exciting political episode in the State for years.

John Mulcahey, a juror in a case in the Superior Court at Richmond, S. I., walked into court today six minutes late.

"Why are you late?" asked Justice Clark. "You have held up this court for six minutes."

"I am almost seventy years old and feeble, became bewildered. He failed to give an excuse, and Justice Clark said: 'I'll fine you two dollars.'"

The fine being equal to the fee allowed to jurors, Mulcahey promised to do a day's work for nothing, when the eleven other jurors took an afternoon and gave him the money.

## ROBBERS MURDER EXPRESS AGENT ON SPEEDING TRAIN

Take Keys From Dead Man's Pockets and Open Safe, but Get Less Than \$100.

DENVER, Colo., May 7.—Train robbers who boarded Denver and Rio Grande train No. 4 at Castle Rock early today shot and killed Express Messenger Charles H. Wright, aged sixty, employed by the Globe Express Company. From the dead messenger the robbers took the keys to a small safe in the baggage car, which they opened and took the contents, in all worth less than \$100.

A big safe in the car, which contained a large sum of money and the combination of which is known only to clerks of the company in the principal stations along the route, was tampered with, but the robbers were unable to open it.

The body was discovered by G. M. Bishop, chief night clerk of the Globe Company's office at the Denver Union Depot, and H. M. Peterson, his assistant. These men went to the car to get express matter and could not get through the door, which should have been open. Wright was lying beside the big safe in a pool of blood.

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## Sale of \$1.98 Untrimmed Hats, 3-End Chip Shapes at 79c

30 dozen of the newest chip shapes, including the Merry Widow and other of this season's popular styles. Mostly black, but a goodly assortment of colors. One of the biggest untrimmed hat bargains of the season.

## Underprice Sale of Framed Pictures

A sale particularly for summer home furnishings. The bargains offered are certainly more interesting than you have seen anywhere in a long time.



Imported Colored Pictures, oval shape, new subjects, fancy heads, rural scenes, landscapes, genre pictures, framed in oval gilt frames of artistic design, at 87c.

French & English Paintings, large variety of dainty subjects in antique frames, 98c, \$1.49 & \$1.69.

These Marvellous Reductions in Oil Paintings

The Sheep, oil, by R. Neill, reduced from \$109 per copy for this sale to \$69.00.

Hold on, oil, by Van San, 6 different subjects, reduced from \$39 to \$18.00.

Munich Figures, by Ostermeyer, reduced from \$15 to \$10.00.

Landscape Paintings in gold burnished frames, in shadow boxes, reduced from \$5 to \$3.45.

The Fairy Tale, by Tina, reduced from \$100 to \$69.00.

## Have Your Clothes Made to Order!

To-Morrow and Next Day--Last Two Days of Our Great Supplementary Merchant Tailoring Sale



Do not let this splendid chance go by--nowhere else will you have such an opportunity. We guarantee fit. We guarantee style. We guarantee quality. Money back if not satisfied. No matter what your size may be, we will make to your order a

Suit, Prince Albert Coat and Vest, Light-Weight Overcoat or Rain-coat for \$12.80

Materials--You may select the fabric you desire from 40 distinctly different high desirable weaves in high quality blue and black series, fancy worsteds, Clay diagonals, chevrons and tweeds, in the newest shades and most pleasing effects.

Making--will be executed by skilled tailors, who are accustomed to pleasing the most exacting men. If you are not entirely satisfied with the garments after the sale is over, we will promptly return your money, without a question.

Wed., April 29  
Thurs., April 30  
Fri., May 1  
Sat., May 2  
Mon., May 4

Tues., May 5  
Wed., May 6  
Thurs., May 7  
Fri., May 8  
Sat., May 9

## Sale of 29c Writing Paper for 19c

Cabinet containing 50 sheets and 50 envelopes to match, of pure white writing paper with fabric finish that is so pleasing to the pen. Square sheet. Easily worth 29c; special in our Arcade Stationery Shop to-morrow, Friday, at 19c.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.

## Friday Bargains in Men's Shirts, Collars and Neckwear

Men's and Boys' \$1.10 White Pleated Coat Negligee Shirts, finest and soft finish muslin; hand laundered; coat models; attached collars; sizes 12 to 18... 68c

Men's 50c Fibre Silk Knitted Reversible Four-in Hands, in all the very newest solid shades; very special. 12 for \$2.75; 6 for \$1.40, or, each... 25c

Men's High Quality Four-Ply Union Linen Collars, in all the newest styles, as well as the every day shapes, worth 75c a half dozen; Friday's price... 6 for 48c

Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

## 1,500 More Women's \$1.00 White Lawn Waists To-Morrow at 59c

Women's Smartest \$2.98 Tan Calf Pumps, Colonial, Gibson and Garden Ties, \$1.90

Beautiful effects in all leathers, all sizes, at a sharp bargain price.

Best Umbrellas

Boomingdale's "Iron-clad" Umbrellas, strong and durable, made of the best quality material on substantial paragon frames, with strong steel rods. Many fine handles to select from. Their substantial construction makes them thoroughly reliable.

WOMEN'S 50c GAUZE Lisle THREAD STOCKINGS, plain gauze lisle thread with elastic top band, lace ankle open work, all 24c.

Wash Goods

50,000 yards of newest cotton wash fabrics at about half their actual value.

Pretty Scotch Lawn, 24 inches wide, in light and dark grounds, in hundreds of pretty designs, especially desirable for waists and children's dresses. Worth 8c a yard, at... 4c

Pretty Challis in a beautiful array of designs and colorings, including Turkish and Oriental styles that are so much demanded for kimonos and house dresses. Worth 10c a yard, at... 4c

Melrose Batiste, fine sheer cloth, in white and dark grounds, in a large variety of patterns; dots, rings, stripes and floral designs included. Made to sell for 12c a yard, at... 5c

Jewelry

Bargains for Friday Only

Mercury Wing Vail Pins, gold plated or silver set with turquoise, emeralds, sapphires, rubies and other pretty stones. Sold generally for 25c; our price... 6c

Gold Plated Collar or Ribbon Pins, set with brilliant rhinestones... 10c

Gold Plated Rhinestone Horseshoe Pins, exceptional value at... 24c

\$6 Cowhide Suit Cases, \$3.94

A remarkable bargain for to-morrow, Friday, only. Special offering of the celebrated London suit case, made of genuine cowhide leather, 24 inches long, with inside shirt pocket and iron canvas lining. They are the roughest and most reliable suit cases that can be bought anywhere for less than \$6.00. The biggest suit case value in New York for...

Seersucker Petticoats

Special Friday Sale at Very Low Prices

Striped Seersucker Petticoats, with two sectional ruffles and scalloped edges... 39c

Bag Coupon

With this coupon at Bloomingdale's to-morrow you may buy \$1 and \$1.50 Hand Bags at 50c

Twelve distinctly pretty designs, made of best leathers, including sheep, sea, long grain, etc. In Oxford, Lafayette, Boulevard, Paris Balloon and Handy shapes. Have good plaid linings and carry to-morrow.

Inverted Gas Lamp Outfits, 39c

The Very Best Makes.

## Children's Tan Boots

In Tan Russia Calf, of an especially soft, pliable character, yet durable. We offer the following unusual values:

Sizes 6 to 10 1/2 \$1.75  
" 11 to 2 2.25  
" 2 1/2 to 6 3.00

These Shoes are well worth attention, as it is doubtful if we can duplicate them for some time at these prices.

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## Wines and Liquors--Specials

MARYLAND RYE WHISKY--Absolutely pure, no quality of adulteration, in many places for twice this price. Very special, per gallon, \$1.00; per half gallon, 50c.

## Sale of Gold Eyeglasses, 50c

Fitted with pure white silex crystal periscopic lenses; fashionable skeleton design. Have gold spring; advertised by others as \$5 value.

## Sale of Pretty Parasols, 98c

Pongel and American Tan, styling, all the very newest and most wanted shades. Trimmed with three tucks and hemstitching. Have fine ash-wood handles.

## Savings in Best Groceries

All mail orders for groceries to be delivered to points beyond our regular wagon delivery service must be accompanied by money, unless customer has a charge account.

## CALIFORNIA FRUITS

Yellow Free Peaches... 25c  
Lemon Cling Peaches... 25c  
Barlett Pears... 30c